

Pierce County Board of Commissioners
Called Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:00 AM

Commissioners in Attendance

Neal Bennett, Chairman

Harold Rozier, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Attendance by phone

David Lowman, District 4

Commissioners not in attendance

Mike Streat, District 2

Staff in Attendance

Franklin Rozier, County Attorney

Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager

Amy Hitt, County Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

3. Discussion and request to authorize an expenditure from the ARPA Funds. The resolution authorizing a hazard pay check to all full time and permanent part time employees who are employed now and were in employed in August. The proposed amount is \$500 per employee. Commissioner Dixon asked if we could increase the amount to \$750 per employee since the check will be paid through payroll and taxed. Jason responded that if we do the checks for \$750.00 per employee it would cost approximately \$81,000.00. Commissioner Dixon stated that he is glad to be able to do something extra for the employees. Can we process these checks quickly please.

RESOLUTION 2021.12.14.01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE PAYMENT OF HAZARD PAY TO REGULAR EMPLOYEES OF PIERCE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) was signed into law by the President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, under Subtitle M—Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, awarded funds to Pierce County totaling \$3,600,000; and

WHEREAS, a portion of those funds can be used to support critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2021, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security identified the operation of local government as a critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Premium Pay is an authorized use of the ARPA funds for essential workers engaged in critical infrastructure sectors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners authorizes the payment of \$750.00 to every regular full time or permanent part time employee of Pierce County. In order for payment to be paid, the following must apply:

1. Each authorized recipient must be a regular full-time employee or a permanent part time employee of Pierce County on the date the payment is issued; and
2. Must also have been employed by Pierce County as a regular full-time or permanent part time employee prior to August 31, 2021; and
3. Must be an employee in good standing; and
4. Understands that all required federal and state withholdings must be taken from the hazard pay supplement in accordance with law; and
5. Understands that the earnings from the hazard pay supplement shall be included on the appropriate earnings statement Form W-2 or Form 1099 as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following Constitutional and Statutory offices shall be included as authorized recipients of the hazard pay supplement:

1. Magistrate Judge
2. Probate Judge
3. Sheriff
4. Superior Clerk of Courts
5. Tax Commissioner
6. Coroner

ADOPTED, THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Neal Bennett, Chairman

Mike Streat, District 2

David Lowman, District 4

Harold Rozier, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

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Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the expense of \$750.00 per full time and permanent part time

employee currently employed and employed in the month of August for a 1 time hazard pay check from the ARPA funds. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

4. Adjourn – Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:07AM

Neal Bennett

Harold Rozier

Mike Streat

Randy Dixon

David Lowman